

**FERC RELICENSING OF THE OROVILLE FACILITY  
CULTURAL RESOURCES WORK GROUP  
OCTOBER 2002 UPDATE**

The last Cultural Resources Work Group (CRWG) meeting was held at Mooretown Rancheria on September 17, 2002. At that meeting it was agreed that summaries of activities conducted during October would be distributed to the CRWG in a monthly update in lieu of holding a regular meeting. This document provides that summary and fulfills the obligations of Action Item #C43, as identified in the meeting notes posted for the September CRWG meeting.

The next CRWG meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at Berry Creek Rancheria.

**Study Plan C-1 Update**

The archaeological survey portion of Study Plan C-1 continued full time with three crews throughout the month of October. The crews focused almost entirely on the fluctuation zone during the month.

The crews have completed approximately 78%, or about 5,122 acres, of the sample survey blocks. To date, about 80% of the fluctuation zone has been surveyed.

A total of 639 archaeological sites have been recorded. These include 201 prehistoric sites, 386 historic sites and 52 multi-component sites. Of the 213 previously recorded sites, 139 (or 65%) have been re-recorded and updated. Most of the 74 remaining previously known sites are located under water.

Contextual research for historic themes such as gold mining, settlement and agriculture continued during the month, and specific information, along with maps, is being integrated into the GIS data bank. The field inventory of historically sensitive areas has been completed as have all interviews scheduled for this phase of research.

The ethnographic studies team is busy conducting interviews and has made numerous field visits with Maidu consultants. Archival research also continues, and the team is developing an ethnographic database.

**Maidu Advisory Council Update**

The Maidu Advisory Council met on Wednesday, October 23, 2002.

The Advisory Council was provided with an update on the cultural resources fieldwork (see above).

The second topic on the agenda was a report on a field review held on October 9, with members of the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Water Resources and Maidu Advisory Council members. The purpose of the trip was to examine disturbance to Native American archaeological sites at Area 8, Area 9 and Area 1, and to discuss ways to eliminate additional disturbance to the sites by recreational activities. Following the field review, the group discussed the options and came to a collective decision about how to best resolve the problem. For Area 8 and Area 9, it was concluded that concrete barriers would work to prevent vehicle access to the sites, while shutting the access gate to Area 1 would be the best way to prevent additional disturbance. These solutions were put to DPR upper management the following week. DPR agreed to placing barriers at Area 8 and Area 9, but did not agree to shutting the gate at Area 1 due to use of the road as one of only two viable boat ramps at the lake. Alternately, DPR decided to put up signs directing vehicles to stay on the paved road and to designate specific parking areas. The Maidu Advisory Council expressed dismay and dissatisfaction that the gate would not be closed.

There was also an update on the Draft Protocols for Disposition of Sacred Ancestral Remains. These protocols were written to provide guidance on how to treat ancestral remains if any were found during the archaeological survey. Two of the Tribal chairs had signed the protocols and the document was going to be forwarded to the remaining three Tribal chairs for signature.

The November meeting will be held on November 13, 2002.

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